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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST LEADER REPORTEDLY IN CHARGE OF NEW REGIME'S
PROPAGANDA APPARATUS

1. WE HAVE HEARD THAT MOHAMMAD SULAIMAN LAEQ (PHON: LAH-YEQ) IS IN CHARGE OF THE NEW REGIME'S OPERATIONS AT RADIO AFGHANISTAN. AS IN ANY POST-COUP SITUATION, OF CORSE, CONTROL OF THE BROADCASTING IS AN ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL FUNCTION.
2. OUR FILES REVEAL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT LAEQ'S BACKGROUND AND POLITICAL VIEWS: LAEQ JOINED THE AFGHANCOMMUNIST PARTY (THE KHALQ) AT ITS FOUNDING IN 1965, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE AS OF 1973. HE WAS BORN ABOUT 1930 IN GHAZNI, AND IS A BROTHER-IN-LAW OF MIR AKBAR KHAIBAR, THE COMMUNIST LEADER WHOSE SLAYING SET OFF SUCH A MOMENTOUS CHAIN OF EVENTS. LAEQ IS A CAREER PRESS MAN, AND SERVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS EDITOR OF THE PARTY'S NEWSPAPER.
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